

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

U.S. Post Office -- *(Mississippi Post offices 1931-1941 TN)*
~~Leland, Mississippi~~

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

204 North Broad Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Leland

VICINITY OF

2

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Mississippi

CODE

28

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

151

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

N/A

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(if applicable)*

Memphis Field Real Estate and Buildings Office

United States Postal Service

STREET & NUMBER

1 North Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Memphis

VICINITY OF

STATE

TN 38103

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Chancery Clerk's Office - Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Chancery Clerk's Office

CITY, TOWN

Greenville

STATE

Mississippi

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

-None-

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The United States Post Office in Leland is located in the central business district. It is Colonial Revival in style. A concrete foundation level rises above grade to the main lobby level which is differentiated by a change-over to brick masonry. The elevated main floor is made accessible by a flight of granite steps with cast iron railings. The exterior walls consist of one full story crowned by a wide limestone frieze and wooden cornice which is continuous on all four facades. A standing seam metal, hipped roof covers the lobby portion of the building while a flat, built-up roof covers the rear work area. An octagonal wooden cupola with louvered minor sides and a peaked metal roof crowns the roof ridge over the central bay. The street facade consists of five bays reading window-window-roof-window-window. All bays are articulated by recessed brick panels. The central doorway is highlighted by a flanking pair of fluted Corinthian pilasters, a multi-paneled, leaded transom light and an architrave with dentils and a one foot high cast stone eagle centered over it. Windows in this facade are wooden, double hung, eight over eight sash with limestone lintels and sills. The northeast and southwest facades contain five bays of windows each. A mailing vestibule and platform project from the rear (southeast) facade. A full basement level exists. Brick masonry laid in the common bond is used throughout.

The interior plan (see attached plan drawings) consists of an L-shaped public lobby with the postmaster's office on the northernmost corner. The remaining area is given over to a large workroom and aforementioned vestibule and platform. A partial mezzanine level containing a lookout is located over the vault area. The lobby contains a polychrome terrazzo floor, marble wainscoting, a five-sided wooden entry vestibule, and a slightly altered screenline.

A mural by Stuart R. Purser, created under the Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts program, was completed and installed in 1940 at a cost of \$740. It is presently in a moderately good state of preservation. (See Fine Arts Inventory).

See "Composite Biographical Sketches of Artists" for further discussion.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES May, 1938 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown
Office of the Supervising Architect

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Politics/Government

The first Public Buildings Act of 1913 and the second Public Building Act of 1926 were supplemented in 1933 by Congress, on the urging of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works. Between 1933 and 1941 a tremendous amount of construction resulted in the United States, including four post offices in Mississippi constructed under the 1926 Act and thirty-two post offices in Mississippi constructed under 1933 PWA legislation.

The U.S. Post Office in Leland, Mississippi, built in 1938, is significant as one of thirty-two constructed in the state with Public Works Administration funds during the Great Depression. It was designed by the Office of the Supervising Architect. (See also "Federal Construction Work 1913-1941").

Architecture

This Post Office and the City Hall represent the two most significant governmental public buildings in the community. Architecturally it shows influences of both the Style Modern--its prismatic quality of wall paneling, and the Colonial Revival--its cupola, hipped roof, and entry doorway with pilasters. The sophistication of the building's proportions, fenestration, and detailing suggest the hand of a very skillful designer, although no individual architect's name may be identified with it. The result, however, is the most sophisticated twentieth century architectural quality to be found in Leland.

Art

The Department of the Treasury's Section of Fine Arts Program was begun by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and in two phases, the Public Works of Art Project and the Section of Painting and Sculpture, several thousand artists produced multiple thousand pieces of art throughout the United States, including sculpture and mural paintings.

The U.S. Post Office in Leland, Mississippi is significant because of the mural in the lobby above the postmaster's door. The work, done by Stuart Purser, a native of Arkansas and former Chairman of the Art Department at the University of Mississippi, was completed in 1940. The work, entitled "Ginning Cotton," is appropriate to the area because of the importance of cotton to the economy of that Delta town. (See also "The Treasury Department's Section of the Fine Arts Program").

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See bibliography attached to narrative entitled "The Treasury Department's Section of the Fine Arts Program" and "Federal Construction Work 1913-1941."

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	6 9 5 6 2 0	3 6 9 8 0 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is indicated by the crossed ink lines on the accompanying U.S.G.S. map entitled Leland Quadrangle.

See Continuation Sheet for Verbal Boundary Description.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael W. Fazio, William E. Parrish,

ORGANIZATION

Tomas Blackwell, Curtis Franks

DATE

October 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

40 Eutaw Street

TELEPHONE

(601) 323-3451

CITY OR TOWN

Starkville

STATE

Mississippi

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES___ NO___ NONE___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ___ National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Beth Grosvenor
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE *4/21/83*

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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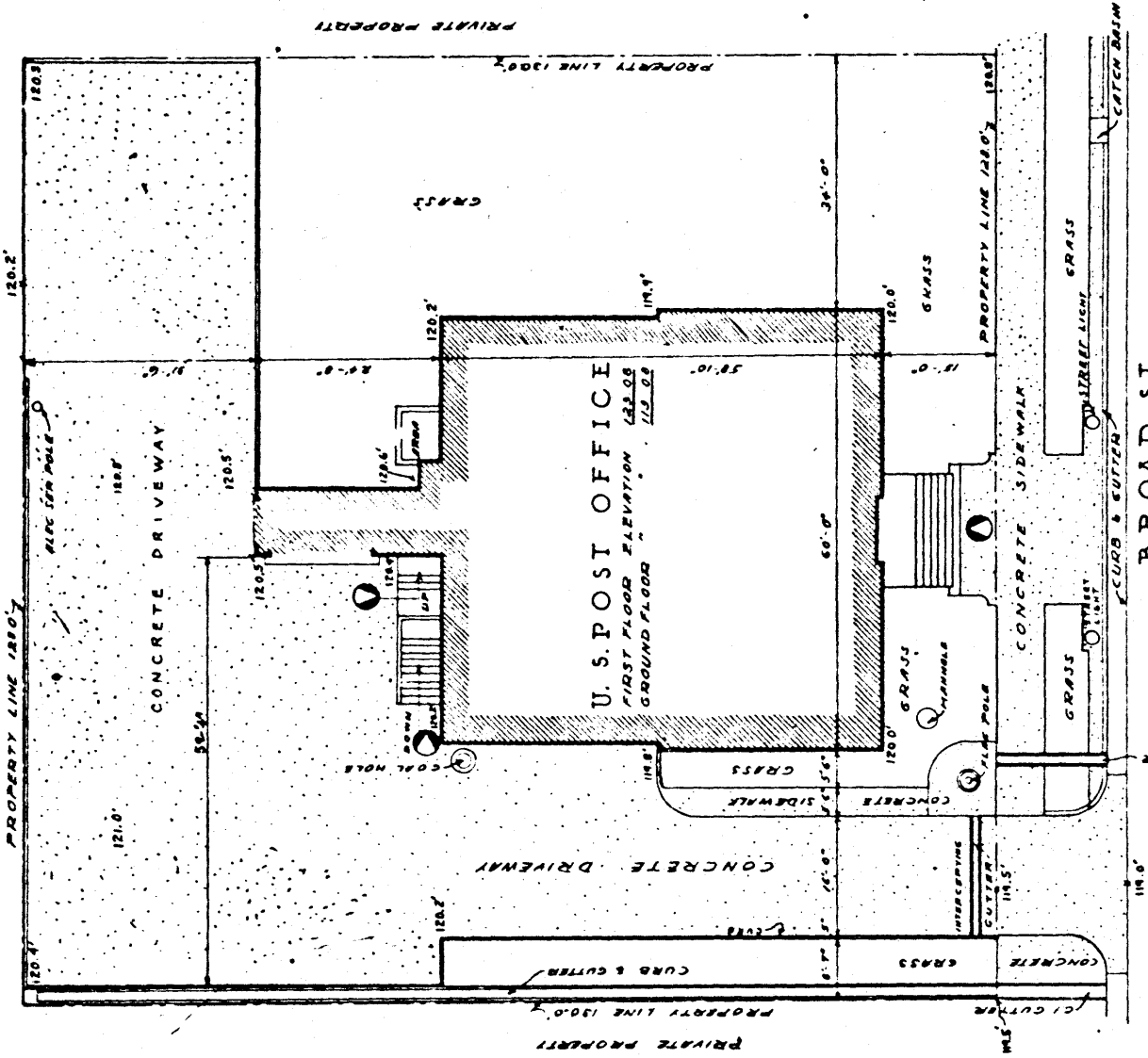
The South Thirteen (13) feet of Lot Six (6), all of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), and the North Half of Lot Ten (10), all in Block Eleven (11) of the Original Town of Leland, Washington County, State of Mississippi, according to map or plat thereof of record among the land records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Washington County, Mississippi. Recorded 4 August 1938, Book 279, Page 324.

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LELAND, MISS.

J. J. JONES, ARCHITECT 2827
N. 2150 BROADWAY, MOBILE, ALA. 36682

20 FT ALLEY



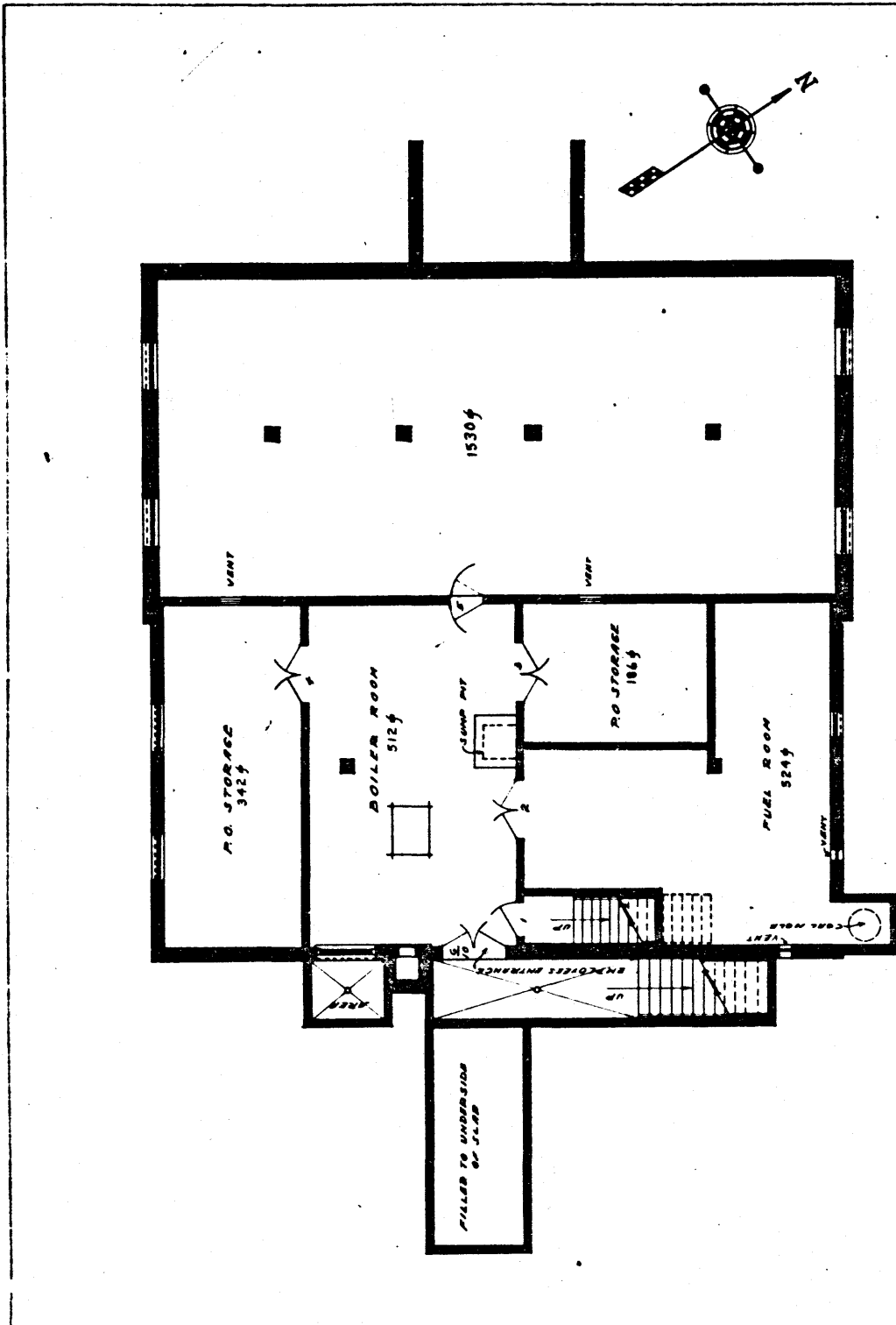
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FIRST FLOOR ELEVATION
GROUND FLOOR

BROAD ST.

APPROACH PLAN

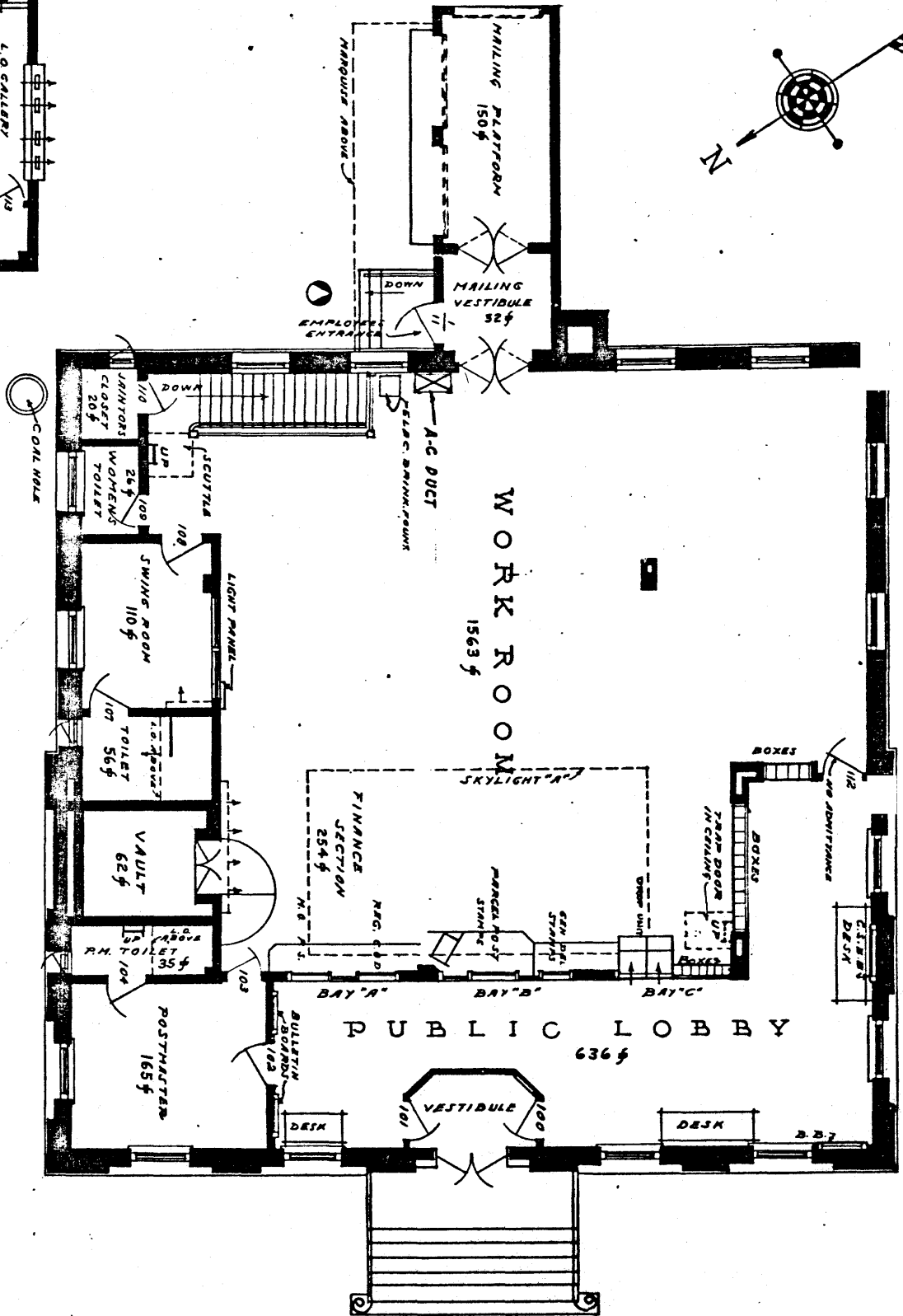
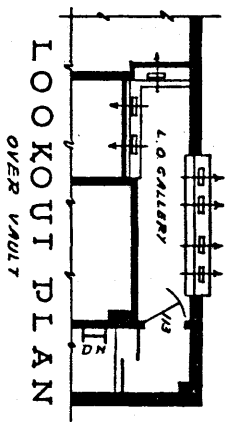
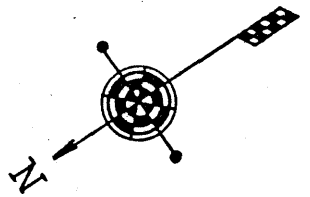
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN
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 UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
 LELAND, MISS.
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 DATE 10/14/80 DRAWING TEST NUMBER
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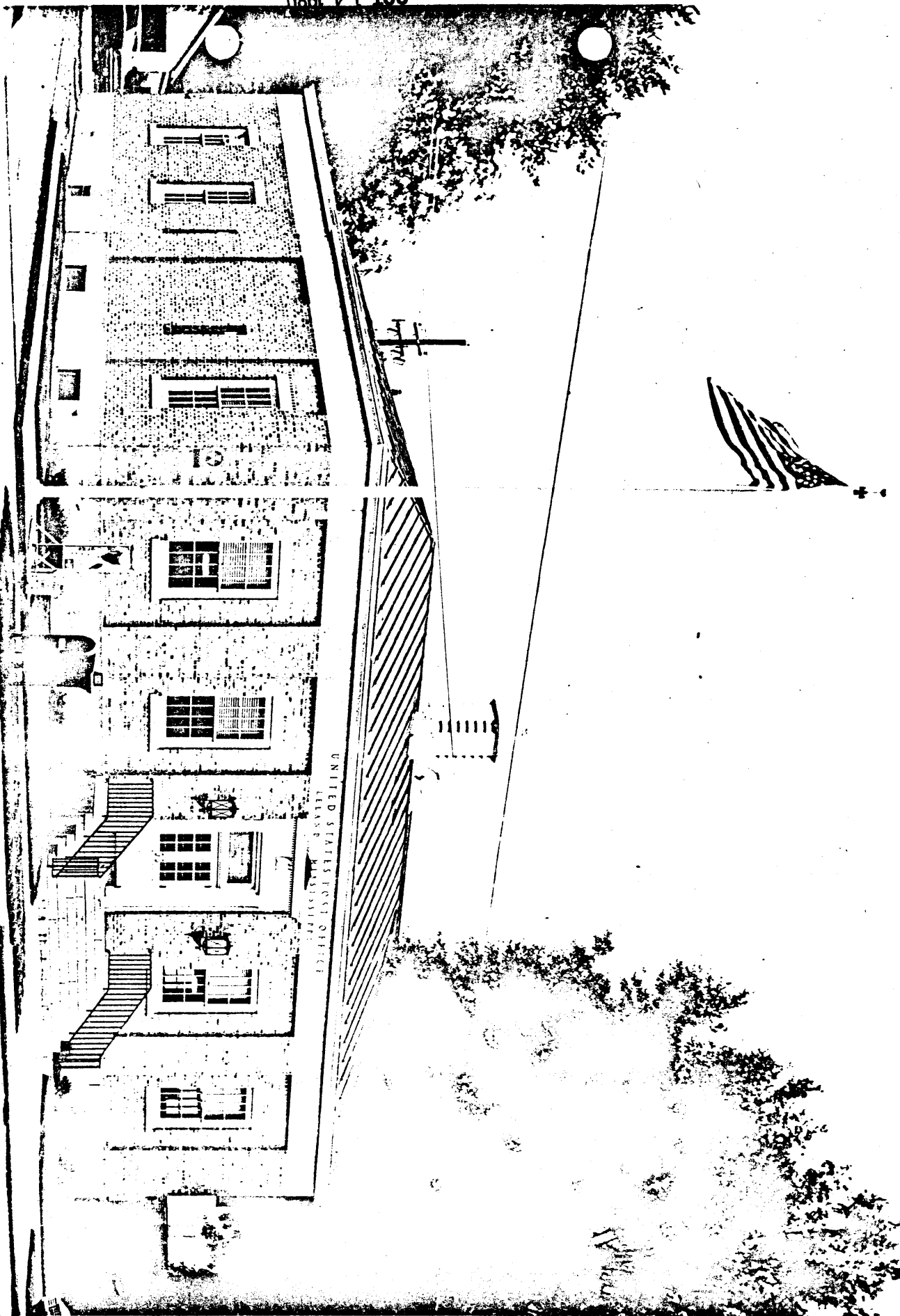
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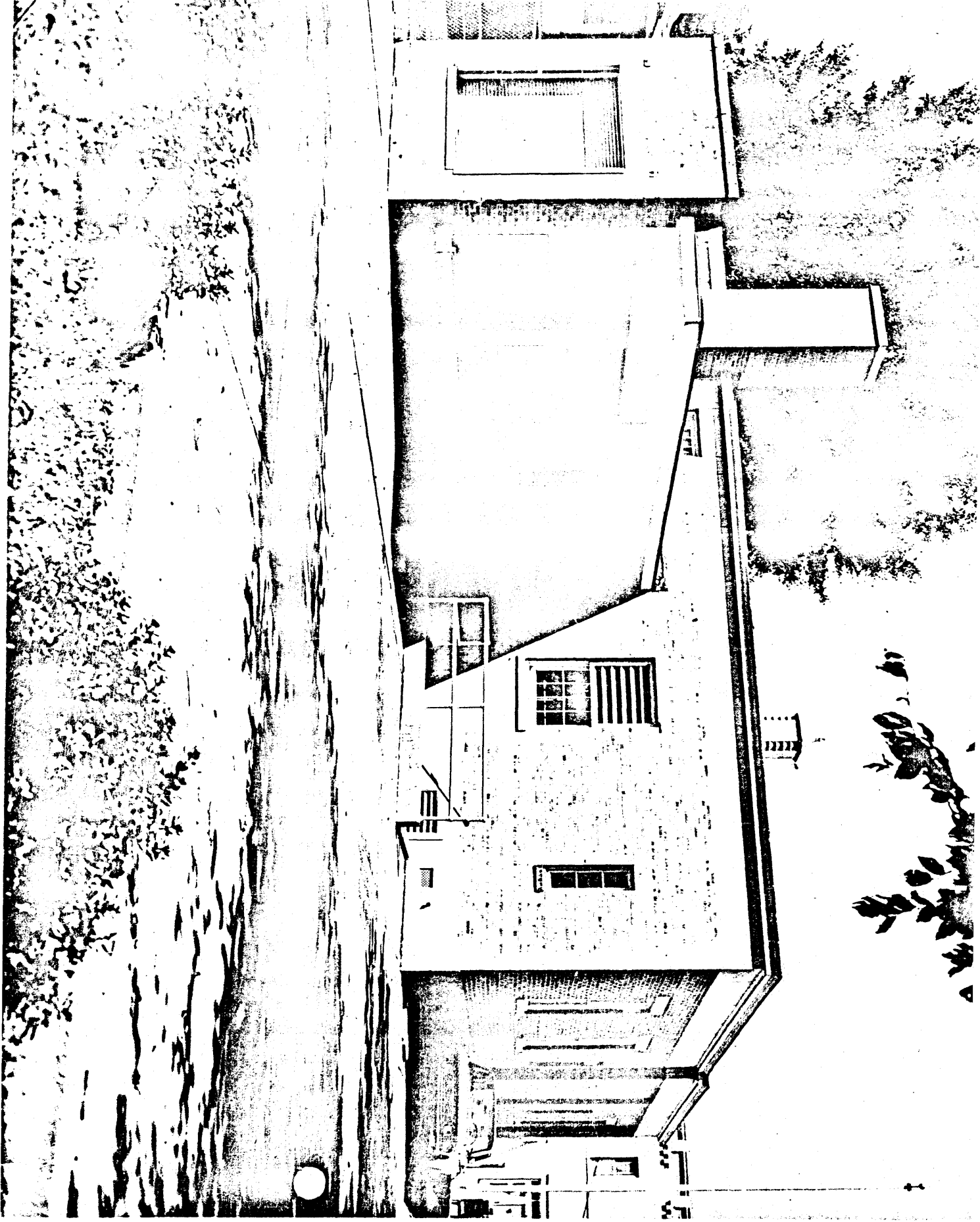
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
 POSTAL SERVICE
 ASSIGNMENT
 UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
 LELAND, MISS.
 JAS. OWEN
 JAS. OWEN 72-57
 J. E. WILSON
 J. E. WILSON 4-25-52
 J. E. WILSON 11-18-57
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